

United States District Court Southern District of Illinois

Michael J. Reagan, Chief United States District Judge
Justine Flanagan, Acting Clerk of Court



ANNOUNCEMENT

On **Friday, June 10, 2016**, the Court will host a continuing legal education seminar on medical issues in prisoner civil rights litigation. Medical claims by prisoners, especially failure to treat, are the most numerous and most difficult of the cases on which lawyers are appointed to represent indigent plaintiffs. The seminar will go into detail about the approach necessary for this type of claim and will be geared to assist court-appointed counsel in these cases.

Lawyers recently appointed by the Court to represent a prisoner and those interested in accepting appointments are strongly encouraged to attend this special seminar. Please forward this announcement to everyone in your firm and bring your associates, paralegals, and/or legal assistants, whether they are currently working on a case or not. Everyone is welcome.

This **free** seminar will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the East St. Louis courthouse, 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. Lunch will be served, and participants will receive 5.0 hours of MCLE credit (including .5 hours ethics/professionalism credit).

The facilitators for this program are two attorneys very experienced in the area of prisoner civil rights litigation – James Chapman (Illinois Institute of Community Law) and Alan Mills (Uptown People's Law Center).

Please register on the court's website, www.ilsd.uscourts.gov, and identify any particular issues that you would like to have covered at the seminar. This seminar is very popular, so register soon to reserve a seat.

Participants are encouraged to view on-line lectures presented by Mr. Chapman at www.illinoislegaladvocate.org (under "Legal Resources" then "Prisoners' Rights") and to review the Prison Litigation Handbook on the Court's website (under "Attorney Information"), *before the seminar*.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Kelley, Pro Se Paralegal, at (618) 482-9224 (Tanya_Kelley@ilsd.uscourts.gov).